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amend as follows:

In the specification

Please substitute newly submitted page 6 of the  
specification for that presently on file.

Page 8, rewrite the second paragraph to read as follows:

--Turning now to Figure 4, a first end edge 22B locates  
a C-shaped reinforcing member 40 including axially oriented  
portions 41 and 42 and a transversely extending member 43, all of  
which are adhered to the end of the seal outwardly of the area of  
commencement of tearing, wherein the above-mentioned crumpling as  
the seal is unintentionally torn from its engagement surrounding  
the mouth of the toner occurs. A similar C-shaped member 44 is  
positioned at the opposite edge 23A including axially oriented  
portions 45 and 46 which are adhered to the seal, and a  
transversely extending portion 47 which is not adhered to provide  
a guide for the tear strip prior to and during the time it is  
pulled.--

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